

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuki KITA, et al.

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For: WIRE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the pending claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

6. The wire electrical discharge machine according to claim 2, wherein said receiving means has a reticulated or porous structure such that machining liquid passes through said receiving means while said receiving means receives said machined chips.

7. The wire electrical discharge machine according to claim 2, wherein said lower receiving means is detachably mounted to said lower nozzle or said lower guide to which said lower nozzle is mounted.

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